

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 4-27 are pending in this application. Claims 17-27 have been allowed, claims 1, 4 and 5 are rejected, and claims 6-11 are objected to. Attached hereto is a complete listing of all claims in the application, with their current status listed parenthetically. By this Response, claims 1 and 4-16 are cancelled, without prejudice to later prosecution.

Applicant submits formal replacement Figures 1-9b, to replace the originally-submitted Figures 1-9b. The new formal replacement figures add no new matter.

#### **Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)**

In paragraphs 4-5 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,677,927 ("Fullerton").

#### **Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)**

In paragraph 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable under Fullerton.

Applicant has cancelled claims 1, 4 and 5, without prejudice to later prosecution, therefore making the rejection of these claims moot.


**Conclusion**

Applicant believes that this Response has addressed all items in the Office Action and now places the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance of claims 17-27 at an early date is solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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